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SUBJECT: PROPOSED US-GOJ TALKS ON URANIUM ENRICHMENT

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1. DEPARTMENT AND ERDA ARE PREPARED TO PROMPTLY SEND A SMALL TEAM TO TOKYO TO INAUGURATE OFFICIAL USG-GOJ TALKS ON ENRICHED URANIUM SUPPLY IN THE INTEREST IN SEEING A CONSTRUCTIVE US-JAPANESE ASSOCIATION EVOLVE IN THIS AREA. WHILE WE HARBOR NO ILLUSIONS AS TO HOW FAR THE JAPANESE WOULD BE PREPARED TO GO AT THIS JUNCTURE TOWARDS A MORE AFFIRMATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS PARTICIPATING IN UEA, WE WISH TO USE THIS OCCASION TO INAUGURATE A FRANK DISCUSSION WITH THEM ON THE IMPORTANCE WE CONTINUE TO ASCRIBE TO MEETING JAPAN'S FUTURE FUEL REQUIREMENTS, IMPORTANCE WE ASCRIBE TO NUCLEAR FUEL ASSURANCES ACT, AND
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STEPS THAT COULD USEFULLY BE TAKEN TO FACILITATE A CLOSER

AND CONTINUING USG-GOJ DIALOGUE IN THIS AREA. PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANTLY WE WOULD BE PREPARED PROVIDE SENIOR GOJ AND UTILITY EXECUTIVES WITH AN UP-TO-DATE ASSESSMENT OF WHERE WE NOW STAND ON LEGISLATION AND WOULD ATTEMPT TO ANSWER ANY MAJOR QUESTIONS THEY MIGHT HAVE PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSAL AND HOW IT MIGHT BE IMPLEMENTED. TEAM DOES NOT, REPEAT NOT, PROPOSE TO RAISE CONCEPT OF MULTINATIONAL

REPROCESSING OR TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER UNLESS JAPANESE THEMSELVES RAISE QUESTION IN WHICH CASE WE WOULD ONLY PROPOSE TO ENGAGE IN A PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS TO BE FOLLOWED BY MORE DETAILED EXCHANGE WHENEVER GOJ DEEMS THIS TO BE MOST APPROPRIATE. USG TEAM WOULD CONSTITUTE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS: HAROLD BENGELSDORF, ACTING DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY (OES); GERARD HELFRICH, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION (ERDA); WILLIAM VOIGT, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE AND PRODUCTION (ERDA).

2. DUE TO OBLIGATIONS THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE LATER IN MONTH, WE ARE PROPOSING THAT THE TALKS, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, BE HELD ON JANUARY 19 AND 20.

3. US REPS WOULD HOPE TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY, MITI. ADDITIONALLY, THEY WOULD HOPE TO MEET WITH ERG, (IPPONMATSU), TANAKA (TEPCO), WATANABE (CHUBU), AND ITO (KONSAI).

4. ON JANUARY 7 KRATZER PRESENTED FOREGOING PROPOSAL TO NISHIDA, APOLOGIZING FOR SHORT NOTICE BUT HOPING GOJ COULD MEET SCHEDULE. KISSINGER

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